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September 6, 1961

Honorable Allen Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Director:

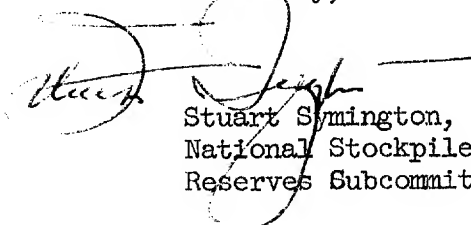
Confirming my conversation with you and General Cabell, I am glad the Central Intelligence Agency does not believe it essential to continue the classification of the metals, minerals and machine tool stockpile; and I would appreciate your so informing Director Ellis of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization.

I might add that all other agencies Mr. Ellis told us are directly connected with the stockpile are at least as definite as are you that it is not essential to continue this classification.

In that connection I have attached the statements made to us by the other Departments in question.

I am glad to know of your position because it is my conviction that continuation of this policy of stockpile classification is against the security of the United States.

Sincerely,



Stuart Symington, Chairman
National Stockpile and Naval Petroleum
Reserves Subcommittee.

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Attach.

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August 28, 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

RE: Declassification of Stock Pile

State Department:	Secretary Ball says they have no objections to declassification.
Defense Department:	Mr. Yarmolinsky of Secretary McNamara's office says they have no objection to declassification.
Central Intelligence Agency:	Mr. Allen Dulles and General Cabell say they do not consider the matter important enough from their standpoint to take a stand against declassification.
Department of Interior:	On August 4 the Department of Interior wrote the OCDM and urged the fullest possible declassification of the stockpile - said they saw no reason for classification.
Department of Agriculture:	We do not claim to be experts but we have no objection to the stockpile being declassified.

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